when planted on contour for control of gullies specially in the watershed developed projects being implemented with the Wrold Bank aid in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) There has been encouraging results in some of the pockets. However, since it is in the early eyars of introduction, the observations are continued and it would take some more time to evaluate the data.

(d) Encouraged by the results in the pilot proejcts, planting of khus as soil erosion barriers are being taken up under the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Agriculture being introduced in 99 watershed of 17 States and in the newly proposed pilot projects with the World Bank aid in the States of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat ami Orissa also to popularise as a part of *divm,* affordable and replicable methods of soil conservation system so that farmers themselves could propagate in their lands.

Utilization of funds meant for RLEGP for housing

1742. SHRl YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

• (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh sought the permission of the Union Government to utilise funds under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for construction of houses for the physically handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Amendment in the constitution to give more powers to Local Self-Governments

1743. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution of India to give more powers to local self-Government bodies;

(b) whether mandatory powers for village panchayats will help the planning process and integrate the district level planning with that of State and Centre and if so, whether Government would initiate measures to achieve this;

(c) what would be the process of devaluation of finances to these Panchayat Raj institutions and the means to.mobilise their own resources; and

(d) whether a separate list of subjects would be drawn up in the Constitution other than Union, State and Concurrent lists, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)' to (d) The subject of revitablisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions to promote district planning and decentralised implementation of development programmes is under active consideration of the Government.

सिन्दरी स्थिति संयंत्र में अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के लिये कल्याण कार्य

1744. **श्री मौलाना असद सदनी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सिन्दरी स्थित भारतीय उर्वरक निगम द्वारा 1986 के वर्ष के दौरान तथा फरवरी, 1989 तक अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के कल्याण हेतू प्रधान मंत्री के 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किये गये कार्य का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु): फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया (एफ सी आई) ने सूचित किया है कि प्रबन्ध

अल्पसंख्या समुदायों के कल्याण के लिये सिन्दरी एकक में प्रधान मन्त्री के 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित कर रहा है। 1986 से फरवरी, 1989 की अवधि के दौरान, 40 कार्मिक भर्ती किए गए थे जिनमें से 4 अल्प समुदायों के थे, इसके अलावा 5 अनुसूचित जाति के थे।

L4UM to Group Housing Societies

1745. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA)" had allotted the land to the Group Housing Co-operative Societies, in Delhi; and

(b) if so, how many Group Housing Co-operative Societies had been allotted the land so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 518.

1746. [Transferred to the 15th March, 1989]

Houses for widows, physically handicapped and the Mind

1747. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slum wing of the Delhi Development Authority do not provide housing facilities to widows, whose monthly income is less than 750/- Rupees, to the handicapped and to blind persons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to the persons falling under these categories; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Under the Delhi Development Authority (Slum Wing)'s residential flats registration scheme of 1985, there is a quoata of 1.5% for the widows and 1% for the physically handicapped including the blind.

Setting up of Agricultural Universities

1748. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of some new Agricultural Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the proposals submitted by different state Governments in this regard;

(c) the number of Agricultural Universities proposed to be set up in the country in 1989-90; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up one university in Keonjhargarh in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Nfl Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) NO.

(d) No, Sir.

World Bank Assistance for slum improvement

1749. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LEN KA: Will the Minister of URBAN DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has any scheme hereby Financial Assistance is